IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1.   (Currently Amended) A portal application ~~for implementation on a multipurpose computer~~ for providing access from a client to a multimedia service, the portal application comprising:

a portal core service;

a user management core service; and

a plurality of special services, each structured according to a model-view-controller architecture, each of said special services comprising:

at least one model containing data;

a controller for the special service; and

at least one view for the presentation of the data of a model,

wherein each of the plurality of special services are designed to communicate with each of a remaining plurality of special services directly, via the controller of the special service.

2.   (Previously Presented) The portal application according to claim 1, wherein the controller of a service is designed to control at least a second controller,

wherein said second controller is contained in said service or in a different

service.

3.   (Previously Presented) The portal application according to claim 1,

wherein the controller of a service is designed to control a plurality of views,

each of said plurality of views allows a different presentation.

4.   (Previously Presented) The portal application according to claim 3,

wherein the controller of a service is designed to select one of the plurality of

views of the service in accordance with a mark-up language used.

5.   (Previously Presented) The portal application according to claim 4,

wherein the controller is designed to select one of the plurality of views for the

presentation in accordance with at least one of a browser characteristic of the client, device

characteristics, a time and/or date, a location, a language, and one or more user preferences.

6.   (Canceled)

7.   (Currently Amended) A portal application for providing access from a

client to a multimedia service, said portal application ~~comprises~~comprising:

a portal core service;

a user management core service; and

at least one <u>special</u> service structured according to the model-view-controller

architecture, said <u>special</u> service comprising:

at least one model containing data;

at least one controller; and

a plurality of views for a presentation of data of at least one model,

wherein said plurality of views is representative of at least two different

mark-up languages,

wherein service relative content of each of said plurality of views is

identical, and

wherein a state of the controller is determined in accordance with an

earlier client's request.

8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a portal application

implemented on a multipurpose computer from a client,

wherein the portal application comprises<u> a portal core service, a user management</u>

<u>core service, and a plurality of special services, each of said</u> services structured according to the

Model-View-Controller architecture, the method comprising the steps of:

sending a request to a first core service responsible for user management and/or

administrative processing;

forwarding, according to the model-view-controller architecture, the request from

the first core service to a second special service; and

establishing a direct communication link between the client and the second

special service.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9,

wherein the special services are distributed over a network.